

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 VALLET 01688 171435Z

46

ACTION EB-11

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ADP-00 SCEM-02 SCI-06 INT-08 CG-00

COME-00 PM-07 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-03

RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 COA-02 RSR-01 /103 W

----- 113602

R 171347Z AUG 73

FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4666

INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

UNCLAS VALLETTA 1688

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, MT

SUBJ: OIL EXPLORATION

REF: VALLETTA A-129, OCTOBER 30, 1972

1. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION ANNOUNCED AUGUST 15 DRILLING VESSEL SCARABEO II IS EXPECTED IN POSITION 36 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 47.6 SECONDS NORTH, 14 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 30.5 SECONDS EAST AFTER AUGUST 15 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NINE CYLINDRICAL BUOYS UNLIT AND PAINTED ORANGE TO MARK ANCHORS WILL BE PLACED AROUND DRILLING VESSEL. EACH BUOY WILL MARK ANCHOR SET AT DISTANCE 3,000 FEET FROM DRILLING VESSEL. VESSEL WILL BE FLOODLIT AT NIGHT AND IN THE EVENT OF FOG A FOG HORN WILL BE SOUNDED. PRESS RELEASE CAUTIONED: "ALL VESSELS, SMALL CRAFT AND FISHING BOATS ARE WARNED TO KEEP AT A DISTANCE OF AT LAST 1.5 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE DRILLING VESSEL."

2. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY QUERY, SHELL OIL CO. REPRESENTATIVE CONFIRMED SCARABEO II WILL BE DRILLING SECOND WELL WHICH SHELL/AGIP COMBINE COMMITTED UNDERTAKE UNDER TERMS THEIR CONCESSION NORTH-EAST MALTA (SEE REPAIR).
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 VALLET 01688 171435Z

GETZ

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, EXPLORATORY DRILLING, OFFSHORE OIL FIELDS, SHIP MOVEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 AUG 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973VALLET01688
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: VALLETTA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730829/aaaaavkb.tel
Line Count: 61
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: VALLETTA A-129, OCTOBER 30, 1972
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: thigpegh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29-Aug-2001 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <25-Jan-2002 by thigpegh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OIL EXPLORATION
TAGS: ENRG, MT
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005